GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Regional Newspapers
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian print media of newspaper including regional newspapers have shown healthy growth in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of newspapers published state-wise including Odisha;

(c) whether cases of alleged malpractices by certain regional papers have been reported; and

(d) if so, the details of such cases reported and the action taken thereon during the last three years and the current year, state-wise including Odisha?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING {COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the number of newspapers published state-wise including Odisha during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 is placed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), a media unit under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, have received reports on some complaints against certain newspapers including regional newspapers. However, no data is readily available for the years 2013-14 and 2014-15. However, the data for the year 2015-16 and current year (2016-17) is placed at Annexure-II.

Further, Press Council of India (PCI), a statutory autonomous body under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has its adjudications on this issue which is available in PCI's Annual Reports i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 under the head 'subject Index of Adjudications in complaints filed against the Press is available on PCI's website, www.presscouncil.nic.in in General link − publication/Report----Annual Report.

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